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(PATENT)

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In re Patent Application of:

Howard E. Rhodes, et al.

Divisional Application

Of Serial No.: 09/358,543

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For: OPTIMIZED LOW LEAKAGE DIODES,

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Group Art Unit: N/A

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 3, before "Field of the Invention", insert -- This application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/358,543 filed July 22, 1999, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 88-105.

## **REMARKS**

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Claims 88-105 have been cancelled. Claims 1-87 are pending in this application.

Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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